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Mrs. Mary E. Lacey is the Director of the Indian Head Division (IHDIV), Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC). In this leadership position, Lacey is responsible for a \$1.6 billion Navy facility employing over 1800 employees, of which nearly 800 are scientists and engineers. The Division also has five detachments in Virginia, New Jersey, Oklahoma, and California. IHDIV is known for its work with Energetics, commonly known as explosives, propellants, and pyrotechnics. Established in 1890, the IHDIV is a half billion dollar a year operation providing full support for the Department of Defense including research, development, test, evaluation, engineering, and fleet support functions. Lacey places an emphasis on cooperative partnerships with private industry and academia to continue to build for the future of Energetics.

Lacey started her Navy career as a Federal Junior Fellow at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory (NOL) in 1973. She held positions at NOL in underwater shock testing and evaluation, advanced weapon systems, shipboard fire fighting, and nuclear weapons safety. She has been active in Navy academic industrial partnerships and technology teaming efforts across the Naval Sea Systems Command. She previously served as the Division Director of Science and Technology at NSWC, Dahlgren Division, as the Navy program manager for advanced technology in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and in numerous leadership positions in advanced technology, test, and evaluation. Before coming to Indian Head, Lacey was Head of the Systems Research and Technology Department at Dahlgren Division.

Lacey received a B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Maryland, where she also completed graduate work in control systems and explosives. She has been a member of the Senior Executive Service since August 1996. She has received the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Navy Women in Science and Engineering Lifetime Achievement Award, and the 1999 University of Maryland Distinguished Engineering Alumna Award. Mrs. Lacey serves as the only Government Trustee of the National Defense Industrial Association.